



**European Committee
of the Regions**

Conference on European Missions

**Launching the implementation of EU Missions and presentation of the European Commission's
call for interest for the 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission**

Debate with CoR members and city representatives

Thursday, 25 November 2021 – Hybrid meeting in JDE52 – 9.30h – 12.15h

EU missions launched by the European Commission on 29 September 2021 are a new and innovative way to work together and improve the lives of people in Europe and beyond. EU missions aim to tackle big challenges in health, climate and the environment, and to achieve ambitious and inspiring goals in these areas by 2030. Their implementation requires a collective effort cutting across the boundaries of policies, programmes and different levels of governance. They aim to mobilise and activate public and private actors, such as EU Member States, regional and local authorities, research institutes, entrepreneurs and investors to create real and lasting impact. EU Missions will engage with citizens to boost societal uptake of new solutions and approaches.

The CoR's COTER commission is closely associated to the implementation of the missions across Europe and is offering this conference to interested CoR members and other stakeholders. The aim of the conference is to launch the implementation of EU Missions with cities and regions and to discuss in more detail the objectives and next steps of the Cities Mission, including the upcoming call for expression of interest later this month.

PROGRAMME:

9.30h Opening and welcome – Apostolos Tzitzikostas, President of the CoR

9.40h Introduction and moderation – Natalie Sarrabezolles, Chair of the CoR COTER commission

9.45h:

Missions approach and regional aspects of the EU Missions.

Julien Guerrier, Director of the Common Policy Centre, DG RTD, European Commission

9.55h

Presentation of the EU Climate Adaptation mission.

Clara de La Torre, Deputy Director General of DG CLIMA, manager of the Climate Adaptation mission

10.10h

Presentation of the 100 climate neutral cities mission and how it will the work in practice.

Matthew Baldwin, Deputy Director General of DG MOVE, manager of the cities mission

10.30h

The NetZeroCities platform Support for Cities.

Thomas Osdoba, project coordinator, EIT Climate

10.40h

Reaction from the CoR.

Markku Markkula, CoR rapporteur on the EU Missions

11.00h

Q&A and discussion with CoR members and representatives of European associations of local and regional authorities and European cities, including presentations of existing city strategies

12:00h- Closing

"Rethinking cities – reshaping our future with EU Missions"

Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth,
European Commission

12.15h End of the conference

Interpretation: DE, EN, FR, PL

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Link will be sent to registered participants

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